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THAT whereas it is Complain'd, That a Four Inch Marſh Net is too large; the reducing thereof may be admitted, ſince the *Bill* Provides a more effectual Way for the Preſervation of the Fry, by fixing an Aſſize to the ſeveral principal Sorts of Fiſh.

AND whereas it is ſaid, That the Foreigners that uſed to bring Lobſters, have been frequently detected of Carrying *Engliſh* Coin out of the Nation, is notoriouſly Falſe: For that Moſt of them were conſign'd to a Merchant, who is ready to Atteſt, That he never Paid them in Money. But its much to be queſtion'd, whether any in *Engliſh* Property do obtain Foreign Lobſters without Specie.

THAT it cannot reaſonably be ſuppoſed, the *Fiſhmongers* ſhould endeavour or deſire the Ruin of the Fiſhery or Fiſhermen, whoſe Intereſt conſiſts with theirs: But it is obſervable, That during the whole Time this *Bill* hath been in Motion, few or none of the *Petermen*, or others, that get their Livelihood only by Fiſhing, hath appear'd in Oppoſition thereto.

WHEREFORE it is Humbly Hop'd, That the Endeavours of the Fiſhmongers *for the* Bill *will not be thought to have any other End or Deſign, but to make Fiſh Plenty; though the Contrary thereof is Falſly inſinuated.*

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